

CITY ITEMS.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.—Cupid holds his carnival today. Posts and blin in a coach of his leaves, driving team of white sparrow, halting only to make the hearts of loves with shafts from his quiver. One might as well attempt to stop the 14th of February from coming in its season, as to attempt to arrest the progress of the boy with his bows and arrows. He will not be tamed. He will not prostrate his visage. He pays no respect to hard times and is not alarmed by the trumpet of war. Cupid is said to be the descendant of Jupiter and Venus, inheriting the strength of the former and the beauty of the latter. Hymen is the offspring of Apollo, who presides over the moon and this descendant of such a distinguished ancestor shares with Cupid the honors and pleasures of the day. St. Valentine himself we are told was a prebysyer who flourished in the third century until he was beheaded in Rome by Claudius. So much for the mythology and history of the day. The age in which we live has lost a great measure of the ceremonies, antics, habits and customs of the 14th of February. It is now devoted principally to love songs printed on lace paper and decorated with pastel-colored washes, snow-white doves and golden hearts. We are too poor to photograph kisses—they would be in greater demand today than were the cards to Tom Thumb's wedding on Tuesday last. It is true some persons would prefer to sacrifice their energies or astound their friends by sending them the ugliest photographs and violets they can buy; but this custom is becoming less and less popular every year, and probably is giving way to pictures out of market, and engravings done in the manner of those that used to be had in the days of Queen Elizabeth. We quote from memory, and may not place this in fair order:

Cupid and my Companys played
All cards for kisses. Cupid paid.
He called his bow, how it swerved,
With these his darts and teams of sparrows;

With these the darts and teams of sparrows;
All these his darts and teams of sparrows;

And these he staved by both his eyes,

And left them. Cupid did this.

This was written about one hundred years ago, at a time when Queen Bess kept Lily in a fool's paradise, providing him a hundredfold he never obtained, and he sought revenge afterward by casting her in one of his plots. This day should yield a rich revenue to the Post-Office Department, as a source of pleasant surprise to all susceptible of the tender passion, and be used by none to gratify their spleen or malice.

FRENCH THEATER.—Mr. Juleson announces that a matinee will be given to-day at Niblo's Saloon, beginning at one o'clock. The program consists of two comedies: "La Pluie et le Beau Temps," and "Le Fen au Convent." In the regular evening performance an "opérette bouffe" by Offenbach entitled "La Rose de Saint Flent" will be introduced for the first time.

SOCIAL AT THE FREE BAPTIST CHURCH.—There was a large gathering of the friends of the Free Baptist Church on Twenty-eighth street, near Broadway, at the Social Festival on Thursday evening. A speech and a supper were among the acceptable things given at the entertainment.

The Rev. Thos. K. Conrad of Calvary Church, Philadelphia, has received a call to St. John's Church, Clinton Street, Brooklyn.

PERSONAL.—It will be interesting to many of our readers to know that Mr. H. R. Barlow has fully recovered from a very severe attack of typhus fever, contracted in the performance of his duty as the Superintendent of the Five Point House of Industry and is again at his work in that worthy and successful mission among the poor.

ARRIVAL OF MASSACHUSETTS CAVALRY.—The 1st Battalion of the 23 Regiment of Massachusetts Cavalry arrived in this city yesterday morning from Reservoir, where they have been encamped for three months. The battalion numbers four hundred men, under the command of Major Griswold, who was formerly Captain of the 1st Massachusetts Cavalry. Col. Charles P. Lowell, who commands the regiment, was recently with the 6th Regt. of the regular army. The battalion left by the Central Railroad for Baltimore, en route for Forts Monroe and Pendleton.

THE AMERICAN SEAMEN'S PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.—We have been furnished with a copy of the Constitution of the American Seamen's Protective Union Association, the object of which organization "shall be for the mutual relief of each other, and the moral, social, civil, and religious elevation of seamen." The Hon. James Brooks (white) is President and Wm. F. Powell (colored) is the Treasurer. It is gratifying sign of the times to see the noble and impartial administration of the races in an organization of so commanding a character.

FIFTH-AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—The Rev. Dr. Arnold will repeat, by request of the interesting exercises of their Anniversary occasion, on Wednesday evening next, at 7 o'clock.

CONCERT FOR THE VOSBURGH MONUMENT FUNDS.—The promenade concert in behalf of the Vosburgh monument fund will take place at the Academy of Music this evening. Judewitz's full Faculty-Dicty Band will be in attendance.

A NEW PAPER.—The publication of a new weekly paper, entitled "The Weekly Sketch-Book," is to be commenced in this city about the 1st of March. It is to be devoted to literature, Art, and Musical Affairs.

WHAT A NEW-YORK HACK-DRIVER MADE BY BEING PATRIOTIC.—Our readers will remember the notice we copied a few weeks since from the "Norfolk Gazette" of the hack-driver, who gallantly carried a sick and destitute Massachusetts soldier from the Jersey City Ferry to the Twenty-seventh Street Depot. In consequence of the publicity thus given to him he has received not only a letter of thanks from Gov. Andrew, but over \$200 in money. The last letter received read somewhat as follows: "My dear fellow! You have done a noble deed. As I shall probably never have a chance to ride with you myself, I inclose my dollar to pay for the ride of the next helpless soldier you meet." It may be interesting to the public to know that Mr. Luke Ridge, the benevolent hackman, is no more. The business is now carried on by his widow, at No. 99 Laurens street.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE—ANNUAL ELECTION.—The annual election of officers of the American Institute was held at the Cooper Union Building on Thursday. The following gentlemen were elected without opposition, the polls closing 7 o'clock p.m.:

President—William Hall.
Vice-President—W. G. Gregory, Edward Walker, Sylvester R. Constance.

Recording Secretary—Thos. McFerry.

Corresponding Secretary—John Thorp.

Treasurer—Benedict Lewis, Jr.

Secretary—J. C. Adair, Jas. M. Reed.

Twenty-four Managers of the Fair were also elected, and Committees on Library, Agriculture, Manufactures, Science and Art, Commerce, Administration of Members, Correspondence, and Repository.

SEVENTH REGIMENT.—Col. Lefferts has issued orders for the Seventh Regiment to assemble at the Armory for drill in fatigue uniform, the Right Wing on Monday, and the Left Wing on Tuesday, at 8 p.m.

SI. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.—At the annual meeting of this society held recently, Henry Eye was chosen President, Edward Walker and Philip Pritchard, Vice-Presidents; Robert Sage, Treasurer; Thos. M. Braine and John Cook, Secretaries; Rev. Francis Vinton and Rev. Alex. Leonard, Chaplains. Four stewards, four physicians and the regular committee were also elected. The report of the treasurer showed that the receipts for the year were \$3,720.99, \$1,822.50 of which was realized from the reading of Irving Hill by Mrs. Fanny Kemble. Disbursements \$1,919.40. Balance in Bank \$1,771.50. From the permanent fund a sum of \$600 is still due the treasurer. The report of the Reliable Committee sets forth that the number of applicants for relief was 270—269 for New-York and 10 for Brooklyn, besides 76 pensioners, four of whom died during the year. The families have been assisted to return to England. The Whitechapel Society, in their report, allude to the cordial assistance of the Church of St. George, the martyrs, in connection therewith, and the value of their services. The Remondes have received the kindest treatment.

CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS.—At the regular monthly meeting of this Board, yesterday, President and Clerk of the Poor Committee, the report of the Committee to the Whitechapel Society, that during the past year 270 persons were admitted as paupers to the Workhouse, 100 females and 170 males, was read. This was rendered in consideration of the fact that the value of the charity was in St. Luke's Hospital, in which many of their suffering invalids have received the kindest treatment.

NOTICE.—*TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW-YORK.*—*NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, according to law, to all persons having claims against SAMUEL LOUER, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to whom, with his wife, and his son, Jas. Wm. Louer, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of March next, dated, New-York, 1863.*

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